TOP SERVER

OUT59113

TOPSECRET 160024ZCITE

7776

036 JUL 16 CO 45 Z

25X1 25X1

- 1. THE USE OF FILM TYPE 2475 (ROYAL X PAN) FOR NIGHT
 PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIMENTS ON MISSION 4828 PRODUCED ONLY A RECORD
 OF LIGHT SOURCE PATTERNS. NO IMAGERY ILLUMINATED BY REFLECTED
 LIGHT WAS RECORDED. THE LIGHTS WHICH DID RECORD WERE SLIGHTLY
 SMEARED BECAUSE OF AN INTENTIONAL IMC ERROR. THIS SMEARING
 TECHNIQUE AFFORDED ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE THROUGH THE USE OF A
 SLOWER FILM VELOCITY AND PROVIDED THE INTERPRETER WITH A MORE
 POSITIVE MEANS OF IDENTIFYING GROUND LIGHTS FROM FILM DEFECTS,
 DIRT, DUST, ETC.
- 2. IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT FOR GENERAL USE, NIGHT COVERAGE OF THE QUALITY PRODUCED BY THIS MISSION, IS OF LITTLE INTELLIGENCE VALUE WHEN COMPARED WITH DAY TIME PHOTOGRAPHY. IT IS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH NIGHT COVERAGE COULD PROVE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN OBTAINING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ON SPECIFIC TARGETS.
- 3. TO BE PRODUCTIVE, THE INTERPRETATION OF NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY REQUIRES CORRESPONDING DAY LIGHT COVERAGE, SUFFICIENT
 NIGHT COVERAGE ON DIFFERENT DATES TO SERVE AS A BASE FOR
 DETERMINING CUSTOMARY ACTIVITY LEVELS AND LIGHT PATTERNS AND
 OTHER COLLATERAL SUPPORT.
 - 4. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT WITHOUT PREVIOUS NIGHT COVERAGEN TOP SECRET

18 JUL 1966 DISTRIBUTION Action Cy No. Office os ADMIN SUC BR P & DS PSD PSD-ICB TID IAD PAG DIAXX-4 SPAD NSA-LO DIA-AP Advance copy

25X1

Ender 1
Explaid from automobis
downgrading and
deciasal/leating

Sanitized

TO SERVE AS A BASE, THE LIGHT PATTERNS RECORDED ON THIS MISSION COULD NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AT ANY TARGET. WITH SUFFICIENT BASE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THE ACTIVITY LEVEL WOULD STILL BE ONLY A CONJECTURE DRAWN FROM THE NUMBER OF LIGHTS WHICH ARE RECORDED RATHER THAN FROM GROUND SCENE IMAGERY DISPLAYING A DEFINITE ACTIVITY LEVEL. UTILIZATION OF HIGHER SENSITIVITY FILMS CAPABLE OF RECORDING SCENES LIGHTED BY "MOON LIGHT," WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE INFORMATION AVAIL-ABLE ON NIGHT COVERAGE AND PROVIDE SCENE IMAGERY RATHER THAN JUST LIGHT PATTERNS.

5. IT IS FELT THAT THE R&D EFFORT SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN THE REGION OF NIGHT AND "MOON LIGHT" PHOTOGRAPHY. AT THE PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, SHOULD A SPECIFIC REQUEST ARISE REQUIRING THE POSSIBLE USE OF OPERATIONAL NIGHT COVERAGE,

SHOULD BE CONTACTED SO THAT WE MIGHT DETERMINE THE CAPABILITY OF SUCH PHOTOGRAPHY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND ALSO DETERMINE THE TYPE AND EXTENT OF SUPPORT INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE FULLEST PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION.

6. FOR FUTURE ROD EXPERIMENTS, A RECOMMENDATION FOR NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY OVER A SPECIFIC TARGET HAS BEEN MADE BY AND IS AVAILABLE UPON PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETERS AT YOUR REQUEST.

25X1

TOPSECRET

-END OF MESSAGE-

25X1

Approved For Release 2008/06/19: CIA-RDP78B04558A001900140009-8